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ENGINE DEDICATED TO FIRST HISPANIC FIREFIGHTER

WHAT: Dedication of Engine 27 to Elias Martinez, the first Hispanic Houston Firefighter.

WHEN: Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004 @ 2 p.m.

WHERE: Fire Station 27, 6515 Lyons Ave.

DETAILS: Elias Martinez entered the Houston Fire Department in 1950 as the first Hispanic firefighter in the department. He served with HFD for 36 years and retired in 1986.

Engine 27 will be dedicated in his name with special speakers including, Mayor Bill White, Fire Chief Phil Boriskie, President of the Houston Hispanic Firefighters' Caucus and family and friends.

Martinez passed away in 1992.

